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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT SALES
TO NORWAY

SECDEF FOR ISA/DSAA

1. RADICAL-LIBERAL OSLO DAILY "DAGBLADET" FILLED MOST OF ITS FRONT

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PAGE AUGUST 31 WITH REPORT THAT NORWEGIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY IS TO

BEGIN A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF ALL NORWEGIAN CONTRACTORS INVOLVED IN NORWAY'S PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED-PRODUCED AIRCRAFT-THE F-104, THE P-3 AND THE C-130.

2. STORY QUOTES DEFENSE MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY HOLST AS SAYING THAT"ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO SUSPICION THAT BRIBES WERE PAID IN NORWAY, IT IS ONLY NATURAL AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL REVELATIONS THAT WE SHOULD GO THROUGH ALL THE CONTRACTS BETWEEN LOCKHEED AND US." HOLST ALSO TOLD "DAGBLADET" THAT "WE WILL ALSO REQUEST ALL RELEVANT EVIDENCE COLLECTED IN THE CHURCH COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION."

3. OSLO CONSERVATIVE DAILY NEWSPAPER "AFTENPOSTEN" REPORTED SEPT . 1 THAT DEFENSE MINISTER ROLF HANSEN SAID HE IS CONVINCED THAT NO NORWEGIANS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL. "AS SOON AS THE SCANDALS BECAME PUBLICLY KNOWN I CONTACTED NORWEGIAN CIVIL SERVANTS AND OTHERS INVOLVED IN PLANE PURCHASES FROM LOCKHEED TO GET ASSURANCES THAT NO NORWEGIANS HAD RECEIVED ANY BRIBES, AND I RECEIVED SUCH ASSURANCES," HANSEN SAID. THE MINIST HAS DECIDED TO STUDY THE AMERICAN RECORDS THAT GO BACK TO 1960 BECAUSE THE MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE. THE DEFENSE MINISTER DOES NOT EXPECT ANY NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN DEFENSE CIRCLES TO THESE INVESTIGATIONS, THE ARTICLE SAID.

4. COMMENT: THE AIRCRAFT MENTIONED IN ARTICLE ARE THE ONLY THREE TYPES OF LOCKHEED PRODUCED AIRCRAFT PROVIDED TO NORWAY FROM THE US. THE EIGHTEEN F-104 STARFIGHTERS WERE PROVIDED BY GRANT AID FROM US BEGINNING IN 1961. UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES FIVE P-3B ORINS DELIVERIES BEGAN IN JANUARY 1969 UNDER FMS CASE NO-BVD-P6 DATED FEB 1, 1968 AT A COST OF \$17,919,725. THE SIX C-130'S HERCULES ARRIVED IN NORWAY IN JULY AND AUG 1969 AT COST TO NORWAY OF 30 MILLION KRONER.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ABOUT THE CHURCH COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO.
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